

# JANUARY 29, 2009

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maryland Transportation Authority, the State agency that operates Maryland's toll facilities, APPROVED at a January 29, 2009, public meeting to increase cost recovery for its toll facilities:

- **The Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (I-895)**
- **The Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95)**
- **The Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695)**
- **The John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95)**
- **The Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40)**
- **The William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge (US 50/301)**
- **The Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge (US 301)**

Effective May 1, 2009, toll rates will change to the approved rates as follows:

	Baltimore Harbor Tunnel		Ft. McHenry Tunnel		Key Bridge	
	Current	Approved	Current	Approved	Current	Approved
Three-axle vehicles	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$6.00
Four-axle vehicles	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$9.00
Five-axle vehicles	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$12.00
Six-axle or more vehicles	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$15.00

	Kennedy Highway *		Hatem Bridge *	
	Current	Approved	Current	Approved
Three-axle vehicles	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Four-axle vehicles	\$15.00	\$23.00	\$15.00	\$23.00
Five-axle vehicles	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
Six-axle or more vehicles	\$25.00	\$38.00	\$25.00	\$38.00

\* Tolls collected in one direction.

	William Preston Lane (Bay) Bridge *		Harry W. Nice Bridge *	
	Current	Approved	Current	Approved
Three-axle vehicles	\$5.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$9.00
Four-axle vehicles	\$7.50	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$12.00
Five-axle vehicles	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
Six-axle or more vehicles	\$12.50	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$18.00

#### Hatem Bridge AVI Discount Programs

	AVI Stickers		1T-One-Axle Trailer		2T – Two Axle Trailer		3T - Three-Axle Trailer	
	Current	Approved	Current	Approved	Current	Approved	Current	Approved
Price	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Number of trips	Unlimited		5		5		5	
Duration (days)	365	365	No limit	365	No limit	365	No limit	365

#### Hatem Bridge Truck Discount Program

Effective when new truck rates take effect

	3-Axle Truck or Tractor		4-Axle Truck or Tractor		5 or 6-Axle Truck or Tractor	
	Current	Approved	Current	Approved	Current	Approved
Price	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$54.00	\$85.00	\$72.00	\$110.00
Number of trips	15		15		15	
Duration (days)	30		30		30	

Effective May 1, a new supplemental rebate program will offer a 10% discount for a vehicle with three or more axles making more than 100 trips per month through the Authority's facilities, and a separate vehicle class for motorcycles will be implemented. Motorcyclists will pay the two-axle toll rate even when using a side-car or towing a light trailer (in such instances, the motorcyclist must use a "cash" toll lane and pay the toll with cash).

The Authority also approved a series of administrative and service charges:

- Effective March 1, 2009:
  - Commuter ticket sales end. *Last day to accept commuter tickets will be shown on the ticket book. The date will be on or before April 28, 2009.*
- Effective May 1, 2009:
  - Overweight/Oversize Vehicle Permit Charge (\$25) and eliminate Class 7 toll schedule for unusual or permit vehicles. Axle-based toll rates still apply.
- Effective July 1, 2009:
  - *E-ZPass*® Commuter Plan duration will be reduced from 60 days to 45 days.
  - *E-ZPass* Account Charge: \$1.50 per month per account
  - *E-ZPass* transponder purchase for new customers and replacement devices: \$21 (standard), \$33 (exterior), \$40 (fusion)
  - Notice of Toll Due Charge: \$3 + toll due
  - Toll Violation Charge: increase from \$15 to \$25
  - Shoppers and Travelers ticket sales end. The Authority will create a Bay Bridge Shoppers Plan for *E-ZPass* to offer the same percentage discount as existing tickets. *Last day to accept Shoppers tickets will be shown on the ticket book. The date will be on or before December 31, 2009.*

